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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED DRAFT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
PAPER FOR HAITI, NOW CIRCULATING FOR INTER-AGENCY
CLEARANCE. IF YOU WISH TO PROPOSE ANY CHANGES IN THIS
LATEST DRAFT, PLEASE ADVISE BY COB FEBRUARY 2.

2. QUOTE:

AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - HAITI

I. ASSISTANCE IN EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE HAITI'S GREAT
POVERTY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT

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-- ENCOURAGE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT PROGRESSIVELY TO
INCREASE ITS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT BY MOBILIZING IN
A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER ITS HUMAN AND
FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND BY APPLYING THEM TO PRIORITY
DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

-- IN U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GIVE PRIORITY TO IMPROVING

LIVING CONDITIONS FOR HAITI'S RURAL POOR THROUGH PROMOTING INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION, REDUCING ACUTE MALNUTRITION, ENCOURAGING THE EXTENSION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS, AND RAISING RURAL INCOMES.

-- EMPHASIZE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE KEY RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES - AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC WORKS - TO MAKE PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SCOPE POSSIBLE.

-- ENCOURAGE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A POPULATION POLICY WHICH WOULD SEEK TO ALLEVIATE FURTHER IMBALANCE BETWEEN POPULATION AND RESOURCES.

-- CONTINUE TO IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG FOREIGN DONORS WITH RESPECT TO HAITIAN GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND EXTERNALLY FINANCED PROJECTS.

-- ENCOURAGE POLICIES TO ATTRACT PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS IN HAITI, PROMOTE U.S. TRADE, AND ALLEVIATE PRESSURES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S.

-- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF U.S. PRIVATE
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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BRING SERVICES TO HAITI'S RURAL POOR.

II. PROMOTION OF IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI

-- SUSTAIN A CONTINUING DIALOG WITH HAITIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS AND WITH INFLUENTIAL ELEMENTS AND OPINION MOLDERS OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES.

-- MAKE CLEAR THE U.S. SUPPORTS FULL OBSERVANCE OF DUE PROCESS AND HUMANE STANDARDS IN THE TREATMENT OF SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVES AND OTHER DETAINEES.

-- ENCOURAGE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO INVITE A MISSION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VISIT HAITI.

-- ENCOURAGE HAITIAN LEADERS TO ACCEPT VISITS BY OTHER RESPECTED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

- GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO CULTURAL EXCHANGES OF JURISTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT INFLUENCE HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.
- PROMOTE HAITIAN UNDERSTANDING THAT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS ARE ALSO AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS.

III. ENCOURAGEMENT OF GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION

- FOSTER INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES BETWEEN HAITI AND ITS CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THE U.S., AS A MEANS TO BREAK DOWN HAITI'S TRADITIONAL ISOLATION.

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- ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT HAITIAN MEMBERSHIP IN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.
- ENCOURAGE HAITIAN/DOMINICAN CONSULTATIONS AND COLLABORATION.

IV. HAITIAN SUPPORT ON REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES

- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED HAITIAN SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL COLLECTIVE SECURITY OBJECTIVES RELATED TO U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS.
- SEEK CONTINUED HAITIAN COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES.
- ENCOURAGE HAITI TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DEFINING AND NEGOTIATING ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE ON-GOING DIALOG BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD, BASED ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.

V. COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION

- ELICIT CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

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